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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: \$5 MILLION EXCESS DRAWING RIGHTS PROGRAM

REF: LISBON 0884

1. SUMMARY: GOP FOREIGN MINISTER HAS COMPLAINED TO CHARGE ABOUT LACK OF PROGRESS WITH REGARD EXCESS DRAWING RIGHTS PORTION OF AZORES AGREEMENT. CHARGE SUGGESTED USG HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT GET PROGRAM MOVING, BUT PROMISED TRANSMIT MINISTER' S UNHAPPINESS TO DEPT. REQUEST WASHINGTON REACTION TO GOP SHOPPING LIST PRESENTED MARCH 9. END SUMMARY

2. FOREIGN MINISTER PATRICIO CALLED IN CHARGE MARCH 27 TO EXPRESS HIS DISAPPOINTMENT AND FRUSTRATION OVER LACK OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SUBJECT PROGRAM. PATRICIO SAID THAT HIS DISAPPOINTMENT WAS BOTH OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL. HE CLAIMED THAT UNDER U. S. PRESSURE TO HAVE AZORES AGREEMENT COMPLETED BEFORE PRESIDENT NIXON' S TRIP TO THE AZORES IN DECEMBER 1971, HE HAD USED THE EXCESS DRAWING RIGHTS PORTION OF THE AZORES PACKAGE AS THE MAIN ARGUMENT IN CONVINCING THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES TO ACCEPT THE AZORES AGREEMENT.
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WHEN HE HAD SEEN SECRETARY ROGERS LAST NOVEMBER HE HAD INDICATED SOME UNHAPPINESS OVER FACT THIS PROGRAM UNIMPLEMENTED, BUT HAD ALSO EXPRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE THAT THIS WOULD SOON BE RESOLVED. NOW FIVE MONTHS AFTER THAT CONVERSATION STILL NOTHING HAD MATERIALIZED. AMONG HIS CABINE ETC.

5. HOPE USG CAN RESPOND IMMEDIATELY TO THIS URGENT REQUEST. I HAVE ALREADY INFORMED NOUIRA THAT HELICOPTERS COULD PROBABLY NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE BEFORE TOMORROW MORNING AT EARLIEST. HE WAS DISAPPOINTED AT THIS, BUT UNDERSTOOD LOGISTICAL PROBLE M.

6. IT HAS INDEED RAINED HEAVILY AND STEADILY IN TUNISIA OVER PAST WEEK, AND WE PREVIOUSLY AWARE THAT ROADS WERE CUT, BUT WE HAD NO IDEA UNTIL NOW OF MAGITUDE.
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